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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

(San Antonio, Texas) U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Johnny Sutton, is announcing the availability of new grant funding through **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)**, a Department of Justice initiative. Approximately \$1,000,000.00 will soon be available to fund projects designed to reduce gun violence in the Western District of Texas. To bolster local efforts, the U.S. Attorney's Office is encouraging interested organizations within the district to submit applications for the funds. Approximately 30 percent of the funds is reserved for juvenile-related programs that identify and appropriately prosecute, punish, and supervise juveniles who violate federal or state firearms laws. The Department of Justice has created an online web guide to provide more information. The online web guide provides step-by-step instructions on the grant process and can be found at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/psngrants/index.html>. **The deadline for submissions is June 16, 2003.** All applications for grant funding should be submitted in writing to the Project Safe Neighborhood Task Force for the Western District of Texas c/o Shana Jones, Special Assistant to U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton, 610 NW Loop 410, Suite 600, San Antonio, Texas 78216.

The purpose of the PSN initiative is to bring together federal, state, and local agencies to focus community attention and energy on reducing gun violence. The U.S. Attorney's Office is taking a lead role in mobilizing communities to implement or enhance innovative and collaborative efforts to address public safety issues related to gun violence.

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